

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF STAN JONES, TULALIP TRIBES LEADER

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Stan Jones, Sr., Scho-Hallem, a former leader of Washington state's Tulalip Tribes who passed away this month at the age of 93.

Like many Native households during the 1930s, Stan grew up poor, often without access to running water or electricity. But Stan persevered, and made the brave decision to join the U.S. Marines Corps when he was 17-years-old. He served during World War II in the 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division in the Pacific. He was sent to Nagasaki, Japan not long after the Atomic bomb was dropped on the city.

Upon returning home, Stan began his life's work improving the lives of his people. He served on the Tulalip Board of Directors for 44 years, including 26 years as Chairman.

Stan travelled across the country and the world representing Tulalip, teaching people about the rich history and culture of his tribe. During his time on the Board, Stan met with legislators, presidents, and foreign leaders to advocate on behalf of his people. His work helped his community to thrive and the tribal payroll grew from three to today's 3,500 employees during his tenure.

As his daughter Teri said, "Dad lived and breathed Tulalip." Stan was a pillar of the Tulalip community. His dedication and commitment to his people will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE 550TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF GURU NANAK

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak Dev and the contributions of Sikh Americans to the United States.

November 12, 2019, marked the 550th birth anniversary of the Founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak Dev, and is celebrated worldwide as Guru Nanak's Gurburab.

Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world with around 30 million followers, one million of whom are in the United States. Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, including service in the U.S. Armed Forces, agriculture, real estate, transportation, technology, small business, and medicine. In their efforts, Sikh Americans have made rich contributions to the economic, cultural, and social landscape of the United States and have strengthened our communities by fostering respect among all people through faith and service.

As a member of Congress, I remain committed to educating citizens about the value of religious diversity, tolerance grounded in the principles of the First Amendment, and a culture of mutual understanding and respect. We are a stronger nation and community when we embrace our diversity and afford all citizens the opportunity to better understand our many faiths and cultures.

Accordingly, this month let us recognize and appreciate the rich history and culture of Sikhs as they celebrate Gurburab.

CLOSING THE HOMEWORK GAP THROUGH MOBILE HOTSPOTS ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, an estimated 12 million school-aged children lack broadband at home. 12 million students—this is a startling number. Before the internet became ubiquitous, students completed their homework with pencil and paper. This is no longer the case. Today, many students have homework that requires internet for research or to ask their teachers questions. If a student does not have that, they must find a venue that provides free Wi-Fi, like libraries, cafes, or other public venues.

Unfortunately, some of these locations are not conducive to a study environment. They may be noisy or have time restrictions on internet use at a computer kiosk. Furthermore, students, then must find transportation to and from such establishments, creating additional barriers to education for the students and their families. This is a modern-day travesty that must end.

That is why I am introducing the "Closing the Homework Gap Through Mobile Hotspots Act"—a bill that would create a \$100 million grant program for libraries, schools, the territories, and federally recognized Indian Tribes to build and sustain mobile hotspot programs to close the "homework gap."

Many schools and libraries have already created mobile hotspot programs to help students who do not have broadband at home. Essentially, students can "check-out" or borrow these mobile hotspots from their schools or local libraries for a set period of time. Funds for such programs, however, may lapse after a few years or when funding is eliminated. My bill will ensure this does not happen and our students have internet to complete their assignments.

Madam Speaker, the Closing the Homework Gap Through Mobile Hotspots Act is a critical bill that will help close the digital divide and address the homework gap. Every child deserves their best chance at pursuing education. For the sake of our children, I urge all my colleagues to support this timely, and necessary bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, as the only Greek woman in Congress, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope. This distinguished organization was founded on November 16, 1929, in San Francisco, with the mission of improving the well-being of Greek women and providing them with opportunities to make significant contributions to American society.

Over the past 90 years, Daughters of Penelope has grown into a leading international organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes, recognized and respected worldwide for its scholarship programs and public advocacy.

I commend this organization for promoting the ideals of ancient Greece: philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, good citizenship, and family and individual excellence. Their incredible work is seen in efforts to combat domestic violence in the United States and Greece, sponsorship of affordable and dignified housing for seniors, financial support for medical research and communities affected by natural disasters, contributions to Meals on Wheels, and support for the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at World Trade Center.

I am proud to work with them on these important issues and look forward to continuing our partnership to empower the next generation of female Hellenic leaders.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 737

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to make clear my opposition to H.R. 737, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act.

Yesterday, when the House considered this deeply flawed legislation I spoke in opposition—to express my concerns about the devastating impacts the legislation will have on shark conservation efforts and responsible American fishermen. Many of these fishermen come from my own district in Florida and have made many sacrifices to rebuild and sustain our shark populations.

I am grateful to many of my colleagues who joined me in opposition to this measure after listening to my concerns. Regrettably, when the electronic vote was taken, I was recorded incorrectly. I want to make clear that I oppose this legislation and intended to vote NO.

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